



New Jersey Performance Powerboat Club



News Release

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NJPPC names Bernie Martins 2008 Performance Powerboater of the Year!

Toms River, NJ, March 20th, 2009 - The New Jersey Performance Powerboat Club (NJPPC) recently hosted it's annual Atlantic City Winter Party at Trump Marina Hotel & Casino. On that evening, it was announced that member Bernie Martins Sr. would be inducted into NJPPC's Hall of Fame as it's 2008 Performance Powerboater of the Year.

Bernie first joined NJPPC back in 2004 and since day one, every NJPPC event that he attends he brings a cadre of friends and family along. That year Bernie attended the Atlantic City Overnight Poker Run, which was his very first poker run, along with 3 boats and 20 friends & family members. Also, that night his brother Frank Martins took 3rd Place with his 36' Baja Outlaw. Ever since that event, Bernie has been hooked on NJPPC and has demonstrated that he is one of the most enthusiastic and dedicated members that the club has ever had.

That same year he learned about our Shore Dreams For Kids event. The morning of Shore Dreams he pulled up to the docks with a total of 7 boats to give rides to the kids and their families. Bernie and his group stayed the entire day and didn't leave until he knew that everyone who wanted a ride got one. Ever since that event, Bernie has been a fixture at Shore Dreams every year.

Bernie has also graciously offered his home on Silver Bay to be a card stop for all of our boat and wave runner poker run events. He always staffs the dock with family members and he always makes sure that the cooler at the end of the dock is packed with bottled ice water. Anyone picking up cards is welcome to a free bottle if they want one.

Also, no matter what happens, Bernie is always positive and never lets the mechanical gremlins get him down! At the 2008 Atlantic City Poker Run, he had an issue with his 32" Spectre and when he was 1/2 way to Atlantic City he turned around to bring the boat back home. Most people would have hopped into their cars and driven down to Atlantic City. Not Bernie though! Bernie loaded his crew into his 24' ProLine Center Console and a few hours later he and his crew pulled into Trump Marina with a smile!

Bernie has also been a huge part of the success of our Wave Runner Poker Runs. In 2008, Bernie brought 14 wave runners with him to the 1st event of the season. At the last Wave Runner Poker Run of the season, Bernie brought an amazing 20 wave runners with him to the event.

Besides Bernie's passion for the club and performance boating, what makes Bernie stand out is his never ending positive attitude and huge heart. He always asks what can he do to help the club or what can he do to help with an event. This winter, NJPPC asked Bernie to join the Planning Committee and he gladly accepted.

Bernie's passion and dedication to NJPPC and overall amazingly positive persona is priceless. He exemplifies what New Jersey Performance Powerboat Club is all about and what the club stands for. He shares everyone's passion for performance powerboating as well as being an ambassador of kindness, good will and generosity. Bernie is all too deserving of being named 2008 NJPPC's Performance Powerboater of the Year.

About the New Jersey Performance Powerboat Club

The New Jersey Performance Powerboat Club (NJPPC) was founded in 1999 and has over 200 members. The NJPPC is a members-run club that's charter is to provide its members with top quality Poker Runs and other exciting events. It enthusiastically welcomes a broad cross-section of performance powerboaters to join the club. Its schedule is planned considering both smaller and larger boats. Consequently, its membership spans from owners of 18' to 50' boats!

Distinct from other Poker Run organizations, the club chooses to limit the number of event participants to assure safety, promote camaraderie and to facilitate a well-run, enjoyable day for all involved. The limited number also affords access to the highest quality marine facilities such as Trump Marina Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City. The club has no profit motivation prompting it to host the biggest events – but it is strongly motivated to run the best events and in that way, everybody profits! NJPPC membership is required to participate in the club Poker Runs.

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